

## House Resolution 360

By: Representative Benton of the 31<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and celebrating the 100th birthday of the City of Arcade, Georgia; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the City of Arcade was established on August 17, 1909, and named by  
4 Reverend George D. Stone, minister of Arcade Presbyterian Church, who donated land for  
5 the city's first city hall and school, which he dreamed would become a great college; and

6 WHEREAS, the land of Arcade was known to produce great fields of cotton, and the first  
7 mayor of Arcade was B.F. Guest, the owner of the town's cotton gin; and

8 WHEREAS, the city has been home to several schools throughout its history, including the  
9 Old Elder Schoolhouse, dating from the mid-1880's; the Bachelor's Academy, built on land  
10 donated by Emory and Alec Shields; the Altalma; and the Arcade School, the first two-story  
11 school in the community; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1928, using a Julius Rosenwald grant, Arcade built the Rosenwald School,  
13 which was the only black elementary school in Jackson County at the time, and the school  
14 continued to provide education to black children in the south Jackson County area under the  
15 name Neal-Rosenwald until the 1960's; and

16 WHEREAS, Arcade is home to one of the first airports in North Georgia which has been  
17 used by the federal government to guide nighttime flights from Atlanta to New York and  
18 housed a flight service center operated by D. A. "Duff" Gause, father of WWII American  
19 hero Damon Gause; and

20 WHEREAS, now named after the airport's major supporter, Robert "Bob" Lyle, Lyle Field  
21 served as a fixed base for Army pilots during World War II; and

22 WHEREAS, for the past 100 years, Arcade has been on the forefront for community  
23 involvement, providing the first locations for meeting places for community clubs, social  
24 events, civic activities, and church functions and includes a mini-bike track, a large tree  
25 house, and ball fields; and

26 WHEREAS, also known as the Encore Azalea City, Arcade was the site of one of the  
27 country's first NASCAR tracks, and this rural community is growing with new businesses  
28 and new families making the area more vital each year; and

29 WHEREAS, the City of Arcade continues to look with optimism toward the future while  
30 keeping the proud memory of its beginning close to its heart to share with succeeding  
31 generations.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
33 the members of this body recognize the City of Arcade on its distinguished 100 year history  
34 and join with the citizens and officials in celebrating its centennial.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the mayor of Arcade,  
37 Georgia.